



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2020

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Type: Conference Call

Participants: Lindsay Thompson, Charlotte Davis, Amanda Clevenger, Megan D'Arcy, Scott Warner, Chris Benzing, Steve McHenry, John Hartline, Don Mulrine, Debbie Bowden, John Hartline, Colin with Senator Addie Eckardt, Janice Palmer, Greg Padgham, Kurt Fuchs, Bill Christopher, Debbie Bowden, Alice Settle-Raskin, Wilbur Levensgood, and Jim Massey

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting convened at 2:00pm and the RMC Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Lindsay Thompson welcomed everyone onto the call and Charlotte Davis, RMC Executive Director asked for participants to state their names to record. Lindsay introduced Chris Benzing as the co-chair of the Legislative Committee.

Review of October 28, 2019 and January 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Lindsay asked participants if there were any additions or corrective changes that needed to be made to the 10/28 and 1/6 meeting minutes. There were no questions or comments and the minutes unanimously approved.

Legislative Tracking

Lindsay directed participants to refer to the bill tracker that was attached to the meeting materials in an email. Lindsay then went through each bill and asked for participant feedback on whether RMC should support, monitor, or wait for more information. Listed below are bills the RMC will support and submit position statements and a bill that a request of information will be submitted. Refer to the bill tracking sheet for those bills that RMC will monitor.

Bills to Support

- HB0016/SB0121-Delegate Adams/Senator Eckardt; Sales and Use Tax - Aircraft Parts and Equipment – Exemption (Position Statement Submitted)
- HB0263-Delegate Sample-Hughes; Real Property - Sales of Mobile Home Parks - Notice Requirements (Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.)
- HB0395-Delegate Krimm; Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund - Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative - Use of Proceeds for Maryland Healthy Soils Program (Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.)
- SB0265/HB0363-President; Clean and Renewable Energy Standard (CARES) (Hearing 2/11 at 1:00pm -write position statement with a focus on forestry)

Letter of Information Request

- HB0351-Delegate Stewart-Land Use and Vehicle Miles Traveled Workgroup (Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m., RMC will submit a letter of information request.

Bills to Monitor

- Refer to RMC Bill Tracker

Other

- Charlotte Davis reminded participants that the quarterly Executive Board meeting and legislative lunch will be on Friday, January 31, 2020, starting at 12:00pm at the President's Conference Center West in the Miller Senate Building. President Bill Ferguson is slated to speak at 12:15. Rural Maryland Day will be held on February 4, 2020.
- Megan D'Arcy asked participants if there were any comments/corrections on the Legislative Priorities handout as it will be finalized and printed for the Executive Board meeting and Rural Maryland Day Legislator information packets.

Meeting Adjourned

Lindsay Thompson requested an adjournment of the Legislative Committee Meeting at approximately 3:00pm and a motion was made, seconded, and adjournment was unanimous.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2020, 2pm-3pm, Conference Call